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ABSTRACT

The published and unpublished works of Dr. Yosef ben-Jochannan serve as the basis for this reference guide to African history and culture. The guide is intended for use by curriculum developers and high school and college level classroom teachers as they develop and implement courses on African studies and/or units to be incorporated into existing curriculum in the areas of anthropology, archaeology, world religions, African American religion, and philosophy. References are organized into 15 modules. Topics are African origins of mankind, Africans in the Nile Valley, Africans of North and East Africa, traditional African religion, African origins of Greek philosophy, a chronology of the Bible, African origins of Judaism and Christianity, African origins of Islam, African American folk religion, African-American black religion, African-American black theology, African-American mental health, black studies, and contemporary Africa. For each module, information is presented on background and on chapter and page references in books listed in the bibliography at the end of the document. In the bibliography, references are presented in five categories--main published works (15 entries), co-authored published works (five entries), records and cassettes (eight entries), unpublished manuscripts (nine entries), and published works by E. Curtis Alexander on African history and ben-Jochannan (eight entries). For each entry, information is presented on title, author, date of publication, publisher/or producer, and production date. (DB)

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INTRODUCTION

This Module Reference Guide is designed to provide the foundation for an exploration of the many areas of AFRICAN OURSTORY as developed from the research efforts of ben-Jochannan. African and Black studies curriculum developers have "many" options as to how to best use this Module Curriculum Guide.

For example, an INTRODUCTION TO AFRICAN OURSTORY could be explored over a period of 15 sessions, or each section could easily be incorporated into curricula areas such as Anthropology, Archaeology, World Religions, Education, Egyptology, African-American Religion, Philosophy, African Ourstory For Teachers and Black Psychology. The plethora of additional references that ben-Jochannan offers along with each reference for each section, provides enough content for individual courses on the stated content topics.

The sequence for each Module is arranged primarily with the order of the events and of course one has to consider the "OVERLAPPING" of the writing style that is endemic to ben-Jochannan.

A prolific and voluminous writer on the "HISTORIC GAMUT" of the AFRICAN OURSTORICAL EXPERIENCE from the beginning of Man in African to the experiences of the African-American in the United States attests to profundity and vastness of the Reference Works of Dr. Yosef ben-Jochannan.

This guide of course does not seek to give a thorough examination of the works of ben-Jochannan. However, the Guide does purport to be an "exhaustive" introduction to both the published and unpublished works and even includes a sneak preview to his soon to be released work.

MODULES

Module 1

AFRICAN ORIGINS OF MANKIND

This section deals with the chronology of the evolution of "Homosapiens". The historic fossil finds that date man's beginnings on the continent of Africa will be explored with analyses of the historical significance and implications of the fossils on world history.

References:

. "Africa" Mother of Western Civilization", 1971. Chapter II pp. 31-56.

. "Black Man On The Nile and His Family", 1972. Chapter II pp. 73-98

Module 2

AFRICANS IN THE NILE VALLEY

The African beginning in the "Nile Valley" is explored in depth as the developers of "High Culture" or civilization. Many names such as Nubians, Meroeites, Egyptians, Ethiopians and Kushites will be shown as being basically the same "Black People" of the Nile Valley High Culture.

References:

. Africa: Mother of Civilization, 1971. Chapter V - pp. 304-313; 314-347

. Black Man On The Nile and His Family, 1972. Chapter I - pp. 1-72; Chapter IV - pp. 114-250; Chapter V - pp. 251-271; Chapter VI - pp. 272-297.

Module 3

AFRICANS OF NORTH AND EAST AFRICA

The Black Man in North and East Africa will be firmly established as the glories of CKART-HADDAS (Carthage), and PHOENICIA will be a major focus. Various "ethnic" myths such as semitic and hamitic will be given "historic" treatment as examples of Religious Bigotry and Racism".

References:

. Africa: Mother of Western Civilization, 1971. Chapter VIII - pp. 522-548.

. Black Man On The Nile and His Family, 1972. Chapter VI - pp. 298-312

. The Black Man's North and East Africa, 1971.

Module 4

TRADITIONAL AFRICAN RELIGION

This section will point out some of the fundamentally indigenous African moral, spiritual and philosophical concepts of traditional African religion. These concepts will be shown as providing a foundation for the major "Western" religions.

References:

. African Origins of the Major "Western Religions", 1970. Chapter I - pp. 1-72.

Module 5

AFRICAN ORIGINS OF "GREEK PHILOSOPHY"

The basic tenents of the "Egyptian Mystery System" will be shown as having been the foundation of what is commonly referred to as "Greek Philosophy". An indepth analyses will be given to point out the "contradictions" of the so-called Greek philosophers

and their African sources of information and knowledge.

References:

. Africa: Mother of Western Civilization, 1971. pp. 375-452.

. Black Man On the Nile and His Family, 1973. pp. 312-338

. Understanding the African Philosophical Concept Behind the "Diagram of the Law of Opposites, 1974.

Module 6

A CHRONOLOGY OF THE BIBLE

The development of the origin of the first Bible, "The Egyptian Book of the Dead" and the subsequent "Holy Writ" will be explored. The historic eras and chronological maps will provide additional emphasis in viewing the "Biblical Era".

References:

. Africa: Mother of Western Civilization, 1971, pp. 127-270; pp. 314-347; pp. 348-374; pp. 679-691.

. Black Man on the Nile and His Family, 1972. pp. 394-402

. A Chronology of the Bible: Challenge to the Standard Version, 1974.

Module 7

AFRICAN ORIGINS OF JUDAISM AND CHRISTIANITY

The African origins and foundation of Judaism and Christianity will be explored, compared and analyzed. A close examination of many of the "God-Heads" of the various religions that preceded the so-called "Western Religions" mentioned above and their allegorical stories related to Egyptology and the Mystery System.

References:

.African Origins of the "Major Western Religions", 1970. Chapter II pp. 73-137; Chapter III - pp. 138-195.

.Africa: Mother of Western Civilization, 1971. pp. 348-374; pp. 628-655.

.Black Man On the Nile and His Family, 1972. Chapter III - pp. 99-113; Chapter IX - pp. 340-372; Chapter X - pp. 373-378.

Module 8

AFRICAN ORIGINS OF ISLAM

The African Influence on the development of Islam will be explored with a special interest on the contributions of HADZARD BILAL IBN RAHAB - "The First Muezzin" (prayer caller) and son of Ethiopia.

References:

.African Origins of the "Major Western Religions", 1970. Chapter IV - pp. 196-245.

.Black Man on the Nile and His Family, 1972. Chapter VI - pp. 272-297; Chapter IX - pp. 340-378.

Module 9

AFRICAN AMERICAN FOLK RELIGION

The activities of twentieth century Black religious movements, such as - Father Divine, Elijah Mahammad, Rabbi Matthews, Marcus Garvey and Martin Luther King, Jr. will be considered in this section. An exploration of the African antecedents of African-American folk religion will provide the historical background.

References:

.Africa: Mother of Western Civilization, 1971. pp. 567-627; 656-678.

.African Origins of the Major "Western Religions", 1970. Chapter V - pp. 245-297; Chapter VI - pp. 298-310.

Module 10

AFRICAN-AMERICAN "BLACK RELIGION" AND "HOLY BLACK BIBLE"

This section explores the "need" for black religion to develop a religious scripture to accomodate the needs of black people. An effort to introduce the basic elements of the "Holy Black Bible" will be the primary focus.

References:

.The Black Mans' Religion, 1974. Vol. II

.The Black Mans' Religion - The Need for a Black Bible, 1974. Vol. III

.Extracts and Comments From the Sacred Scriptures of the Holy Black Bible, 1974.

Module 11

AFRICAN-AMERICAN "BLACK" THEOLOGY

The need for the development of a "Black Theology" with its African historic roots provides the foundation for this section. A "Black exegesis" of the theological rudiments will be viewed in depth - so as to reflect the contemporary significance on the present "training" of Black Clergy and Black Seminarians.

References:

."Our Black Seminarians and Black Clergy Without a Black Theology", 1978.

Module 12

AFRICAN NATIONALISM AND BLACK MARXISM

This section deals with the historic roots of Black Nationalism with a major focus on the Marcus Garvey Movement. Also, the perennial debate between Black Marxist and Nationalist will be explored. An indepth ananyses of the resurgence of the present

day debate between Maxist and Nationalist will be re-examined.

References:

."Black Nationalist and Black Marxist: A Debate Resurrected", 1978.

."An African Nationalist View of Black Power, 1965.

Module 13

AFRICAN-AMERICAN "BLACK" MENTAL HEALTH

The theological foundation of contemporary Black mental health problems will be given a historical analyses. A historical overview of the contradictions that circumscribes the existence of Blacks in American society - the "Bicentennial" mania will be examined closely.

References:

."The Black Man's or the "Negro's" Bicentennial Year of ???? 1619-20 to 1976 C.E. - Vol. II", 1976.

."Influence of Great Myths on Contemporary Life, or The Need For Black History In Mental Health - Vol I", 1976

Module 14

AFRICAN-AMERICAN "BLACK" STUDIES

This section is designed to provide the "Ourstorical" foundations of legitimate African and Black studies programs. A critical analyses of "Black Studies" programs. The African "Roots" of Tutankhamun"s legacy will also be explored in depth.

References:

."Cultural Genocide in African and Black Studies Curriculum", 1973.

."Black Man On The Nile and His Family, 1972 - pp. 379-392

Module 14 (continued)

."African" Mother of Western Civilization",1971. Chapter I pp. 1-30; pp. 57-167; Chapter III - pp. 168-198; pp. 199-277; pp. 228-252; pp. 283-292; pp. 293-303; pp. 453-498; pp. 499-521; pp. 549-566; pp. 656-678.

.Tutankhamun's African Roots Haley Et. Al. Overlooked!, 1978.

Module 15

CONTEMPORARY AFRICA

This section is designed to give a comprehensive view of contemporary Africa. It supplies the broad foundation needed by anyone beginning African studies. The students are introduced to the contemporary history of the people of Africa, the culture of the people, the landscape and natural resources of the continent, and to individual nations, including the Arab nations, with their problems and prospects for the future.

References:

."Africa - The Land, The People, The Culture", 1969

.Arab World New Africa", 1968

."Lands, Peoples, and Cultures of the World - Southern Lands", 1969.

CONCLUSION

It appears as of this writing that there is no end to the prolific recording of Ourstory by ben-Jochannan whether it be Pre-History or Ourstory in the contemporary world.

During July of this year (1979), "Doc Ben" conducted a tour of the "glories" of ancient Egypt along the Nile. In August, he was the Lecturer in Residence on AFRICAN OURSTORY

in Papua New Guinea (Pacific Islands) as a guest of the New Guinean government.

Thus our conclusion also begins MODULE 16 as Doc Ben has just compiled a volume of over 700 pages that includes over 400 pictures on his experiences in both countries. The latest work to be added to your reference list is entitled THEY ALL LOOK ALIKE: ALL OF THEM - FROM EGYPT TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

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